

Old Durand House
308-310 Conti Street
Mobile, Alabama

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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THE OLD DURAND HOUSE
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Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama.

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Ownership:

Present Owner: Catholic Diocese of Mobile.

Previous Owners: Durand Family.

Date of Erection: Original structure 1796.
Remodeled 1830.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Durand Family.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Two story masonry; French
Colonial type; rose pattern iron work on galleries.

Other Existing Records:

See: "HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF OLD MOBILE"
By John F. Glennon & Rosemary Glennon.
Buildings sketched by Chici Glennon Lasley.

Additional Data: The Durand family of Mobile goes back to Colonial days during French times. They were connections of the Baudins, and were forbears of the Delchamps family and some of the later families of Mobile and vicinity. As early as 1796 a small two story house was built by the Durand family in the east part of the Old Spanish cemetery of Mobile, the place now being known as 308-310 Conti Street.

Following the evacuation of Mobile by the Spanish and the beginning of the American - incumbency in Mobile, the house was added to and eventually made into a double house for members of the Durand family, and about 1830 other improvements were made in both the house proper and the iron work, a few years later Martin Durand brought Miss Soto to the place as his bride, still other improvements were made. Some of the Durand children were born in this house.

The structures show strong French influence in design, and are notable for the beauty of the rose pattern iron work on their galleries.

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Double House
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